

PRESS RELEASE

First EnviThan gas feed-in in France

On course for success with gas upgrading technology from EnviTec Biogas

Lohne/Saerbeck, 18 September 2017 – Implemented as a joint project with the French Valois Energie SAS, the EnviThan gas upgrading plant in Senlis, Picardy region, is now feeding into the local network after a construction time of just ten months. “This marks the next chapter in the success story of our innovative EnviThan gas upgrading technology in France, which is now the most dynamic market for biogas plants,” says Christian Ernst, Managing Director of EnviTec Biogas’s French subsidiary.

The operators, two agricultural businesses specialising in arable farming, are running the facility with agricultural waste, silage and sugar beet pulp. A second stage is also planned, in which the plant will be expanded from its current output of 130 Nm³/h to 400 Nm³/h. “The plant is already prepared for this expansion stage – only the membranes actually need to be added later,” explains Stefan Laumann, Head of Gas Upgrading at EnviTec’s plant construction division.

The planning and construction of the biogas plant in France presented EnviTec Anlagenbau with several novel challenges: “Our customers’ plant is located close to the historically important town of Senlis, so one key task at the outset was satisfying the local authorities’ architectural regulations,” Ernst continues. As for customer satisfaction, the facts speak for themselves. Sylvain Mesnard, Sales Director at EnviTec France: “Thanks to our strengths in project management and customer-focused plant design, we’ve already been commissioned to build a second plant of the same size.” The new plant is located about 20 km away from Senlis – “and we’ve already started work on container construction,” Ernst adds.

A positive revenue outlook

The recent commissioning of the joint project with Valois Energie marks the eighth biogas plant completed by the French subsidiary of the biogas all-rounder from Lower Saxony. Most of these biogas plants are facilities operated with waste from manufacturing and agriculture.

“The robust climate policy adopted by the Macron government means we’re expecting good revenue performance in the next few years here in Europe’s agricultural powerhouse,” predicts

Ernst. While the installed output of all 478 biogas plants and landfill sites was 385 MW at the end of September 2016, the government plans to reduce the share of nuclear in French power production to 50% from the current 70%. “This development will naturally have a positive effect on the further expansion of renewables,” Ernst concludes. In 2014, the share of renewables in the French national energy market was just 14%. The target for 2030 is around 32%, to be reached in a series of stages.

About EnviTec Biogas AG

EnviTec Biogas AG covers the entire value chain for the production of biogas, including the planning and turnkey construction of biogas plants and biogas upgrading plants as well as their commissioning. The company takes charge of biological and technical services on demand and also offers full plant and operational management. In addition, EnviTec also operates its own biogas plants. In 2011, EnviTec Biogas expanded its business operations into the direct marketing of upgraded biomethane as well as the marketing of green electricity and balancing energy.

With a presence in 14 countries worldwide, EnviTec Biogas AG is represented by its own companies, sales offices, strategic partners and joint ventures. In 2016, EnviTec generated revenue of €162.9 million and EBIT of €4.2 million. The EnviTec Group currently has around 460 employees. EnviTec Biogas has been listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since July 2007.

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